

July 13, 1976 Tues.

Dear Vicki and Jimmy,

I am going to Mary's this morning as I have the station wagon filled with things of hers. She has so much storage space that now I am able to get my house cleared out. I still have alot to do as there are just boxes and boxes of their things. I really hate to dumped it all on Mary but when she is over here we never seem to have time to go through things and throw away what she doesn't want. I even have old army shirts of Mikes.

The funniest thing happened with the electrical work I had done here on account of the dining room light needing repairing. I told you how we had the electrician come and we had alot of things done around here which cost 167 dollars and I still had to buy a new fixture for the dining room and I told you how dad came home from work and picked it up from the dining room table and dropped it and smashed it. I had planned to return it as I decided I didn't like it. I called the electrician the next morning and told him not to come as we had broken the fixture. Then I started going all over looking for one that I really liked and I finially found just what I wanted. It was more expensive and just beautiful with a big cut glass dome and

was just perfect so I called the electrician and told him I was ready for him to come out the next day. That night Jeannie and the children came over as Art had gone salmon fishing. They spent the evening and just as they were leaving Jeannie picked up the dome and held it up to the ceiling and down it came and smashed. I just couldn't help but laugh and of course Jeannie felt just terrible. Then I had to call the electrician the next morning and tell him not to come because we had broken this fixture also. I still don't have a light in the dining room and by now we have spent a hundred dollars on a fixture and still don't have one. We didn't want Jeannie to feel so responsible but of course she does and she spent the entire next day calling every electrical shop around to see if the dome could be replaced. The one I had bought was the only one they had and it was on display but I had talked them into taking it done and selling it to me. There is a place ~~the~~ said they thought they could order the dome so I am sure we will eventually have a fixture in the dining room. Aunt Stella said when I do get one and it is on the table she isn't even going to look at it for fear she might break it. Dad said Jeannie broke the second one just to make him feel better about breaking the first one.

We have the furnace running this morning as it is quite chilly out. We also are getting alot of rain. We bought the baby a little swimming pool and she has been able to play in it only once. Dad filled it with warm water by connecting the hose in the laundry room and she had a wonderful time. The weather just isn't warm enough for swimming.

Gail was delighted over the papers you sent her Jimmy. Art also made more copies for me as I wanted to sent one to my cousin and others in the family. Dad has a copy machine also, so he said he could have done it if he had known. He still expects to go to Texas but isn't sure just when.

Saturday night we went out to dinner with the Bensons and Cully and Lillian. It was nice seeing Uncle Cully and Lillian.

Tomorrow I am going to a bridge luncheon at Marty's.

I had better quit for now. Your day in Wash. D. C. over the 4th sounded pretty hectic. I am sure you were happy to finially make it home. Sue certainly is glad you are so nice to her. More later.

Love,

Mom.

Mary and Mike bought a washer and dryer Sunday. It should be delivered this week. I won't know what to do with all my extra time.